

**Abstract of the Invention**

5 A forest fire is brought under control and extinguished through the use of ordnance to create a fire break. The fire break location is chosen along a front in the direction of travel of the fire. Ordnance is used to quickly knock down trees and other potential fuel for the fire. The fuel is then removed from the fire break. A back burn is optionally used to further create a fire break. The back burn is ignited using ordnance. Mop-up operations make use of ordnance to expose and disperse smoldering fuels by exploding hot spots.